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Via ECF

The Honorable Vincent L. Briccetti
The Hon. Charles L. Briea
Federal Building and United States Courthouse
300 Quarropas Street, Chamber 1000
White Plains, New York 10601

SO ORDERED:

Vincent L. Briccetti

Vincent L. Briccetti, U.S.D.J. 1/12/2021

Re: United States v. James Williams, 20 Cr. 662 (VB)

Dear Judge Briccetti:

The undersigned is counsel to defendant James Williams, assigned pursuant to the CJA Act. Mr. Williams seeks the Court's permission to have new counsel assigned in place of his current counsel. Mr. Williams and defense counsel disagree concerning the appropriate strategy to pursue in his defense. Mr. Williams insists that certain motions be filed and arguments advanced at this time. As Mr. Williams and defense counsel disagree concerning this strategy, Mr. Williams requests that the Court appoint new counsel to represent him. We have developed irreconcilable differences regarding strategy and communications between us have broken down entirely. Given the breakdown in the relationship, we agree with Mr. Williams's suggestion that it would be appropriate for the Court to appoint substitute counsel.

Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Court set down a conference at its earliest convenience to consider Mr. Williams's request for new defense counsel

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Steven D. Feldman

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cc: AUSA Jeffrey Coffman (via ECF)
James Williams (via First Class mail)